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Shipley Family
Samuel Shipley of
Maysville, Kentucky

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April 3, 1927

Mr

Mr. D. D. Calkins
Tacoma, Wash.

My dear Mr. Calkins:

The current issue of the Christian Evangelist which carries an obituary notice of your mother's decease, has allowed me to learn that her mother was a Lucy Shipley before marriage to William Holton.

I am at work on a biographical sketch of the Shipley Family and it would be of interest to me if you could advise who were the parents of your grandmother Shipley, and any other members of her immediate family.

Do you know whether or not your grandmother was married in Mason County, Kentucky, or previous to taking up her residence there.

Rev. Paul Reager, pastor of the First Christian Church of Tacoma, is a friend and college mate of mine and would be pleased to serve as a reference.

Any information you may give me about the ancestry of your grandmother would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

D. D. CALKINS
REAL ESTATE BROKER
403 BERNICE BUILDING

TACOMA, WASHINGTON, April 6, 1927

Mr. Louis A. Warren
Zionsville, Ind.

My dear Sir:

I am very sorry to have to tell you that I do not know who the parents of my grandmother Shipley were. All I remember is that she was married to my grandfather Wm. Mothers Holton in Ky. and that some of my older sisters were born in that State but that she (my Mother) was born in Rush Co. Indiana. The only relative, now living, of any of my Mothers family is a son of my Mothers sister a Dr. Holton C. Curl who is a surgeon in the U.S. Navy who is now stationed in Washington D.C. from him you may be able to get some information. I havent his St. Address but a letter written c/o U.S. Navy Washington D.C. should reach him.

Yours sincerely,

DDC:c

D.D. Calkins.

Shipley Family

American Society, 1887, 91

American Republic, 1894

New England Hist. Soc. Register 51, 61

Concord Mass. Luther Mary, D.C.

Mrs. Wm. H. Calkins

An Inspiration to her Family and Friends

Harriet Holton Calkins, who died January 4, 1927, at Tacoma, Washington, was the widow of Major Wm. H. Calkins, prominent Republican leader in Indiana for many years following the Civil War, repeatedly elected to Congress from LaPorte, and appointed Judge of Washington Territory, by President Harrison, in 1889. Mrs. Calkins was the daughter of William and Lucy Shipley Holton, originally from Maysville, Ky., who moved to Rushville, Ind., where Harriet was born Dec. 2, 1841 and moving later to Oxford, Ind., where she was married during the war to Major Calkins of the 13th Indiana Cavalry.

At the close of the war, or as soon as the young officer recovered from the serious consequences of successive confinements in Libby and Andersonville prisons, they settled in Valparaiso, where Major Calkins was admitted to the bar, and soon, as city attorney began his long and influential career in Indiana politics, serving his party for many years as Congressman, where Mrs. Calkins, by her strong character and many social graces, ably assisted him to a position of commanding influence in Republican circles in Washington.

Inspired by the deeply religious convictions of her parents, who were devoted to the work of the Disciples of Christ, in her early girlhood, she joined the Christian Church at Oxford, Ind., and continued actively in church work wherever her home was made until advancing years prevented church attendance in person, under which circumstances and in common with many "shut-ins," she found her greatest delight in the modern radio church service. With her sterling character, uncompromising truthfulness and deep convictions, it was almost literally true that she wanted "No book but the Bible," which was her daily comfort and an influence which was an inspiration to her family and friends.

Her last illness was a beautiful confirmation of her faith—a quiet slipping away to be with those dear ones whom she felt sure were anxiously waiting her coming—she calmly arranged all details of her funeral service with Brother Paul Reager pastor of First Christian Church of Tacoma, of which she had been a member for nearly forty years.

She is survived by two children: D. D. Calkins, Tacoma, and Lucy C. Hilton, Seattle, Washington. Burial was at family plot at Tacoma Cemetery.

Mr Calkins (D.D.) does not know the
grand of his grandmothers.
Dr Holton C Carl, U.S. Navy. Washington D.C.
is a son of his mother's sister.
Dr Holton is the only ^{other} relative now living of
any of my mother's family.
Older sisters born in Kentucky
Lucy Shipley born in Rush county Ind.

Dr Holton's information
Shipley Family
children of William & Lucy Shipley Holton
William - killed during civil war.
Mary A. - married - Carl.
Elizabeth - never married
Harriet - married Wm H. Calkins
girl - died rather young.

Mrs Mary A Carl has much data concerning
family but not available now.

Christian Evangelist 3.31, 27

April 2, 1927

Mr. Hugh S. Calkins
337 E Second St.
Mayeville, Ky.

Dear Brother Calkins:

I have just read an obituary notice in the Christian Evangelist of March 31, carrying the advice that Mrs. Harriet Holton Calkins of Tacoma, Washington has passed away.

This notice states that Mrs. Calkin's mother was a Lucy Shipley before marriage to William Holton, and that they moved to Rushville, Ind. previous to 1841, having come to Indiana from Mayeville, Kentucky.

I am preparing a biographical sketch of the early Shipley families in Kentucky and am wondering if you are connected with the above branch of the family. Would you be willing to learn the date of the marriage above mentioned which probably is filed in Mason County Court house, and learn if possible from the certificate, who were Lucy Shipley's parents.

If there were any other Shipleys in Mason County at an early date. I should like very much to know their names. The early indexes to deeds would probably show who they were if residing there.

Thanking you for any assistance which you may be able to render, I am.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh S. Calkins
PRINCIPAL OF MAYSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
337 E. SECOND STREET
MAYSVILLE, KY

531 Shelby St.,
Lexington, Ky,
April 18, 1927.

Dear Bro. Warren:

We are living now in Lexington. I do not go to Maysville very often. We have a good deal of information concerning the Calkinses, but none concerning the Shipleys.

I will refer you to the Holton Sisters of Maysville, Ky, especially to Miss Edith Holton, Hill House; and to George Shipley of Maysville. These people ought to be able to tell you a lot.

Yours very sincerely,

Hugh S. Calkins

Love both of above families.

4-27-27

Descendents of Samuel Shipley

Mason County, Ky.

 Louis A. Warren

- a. Samuel, {b. Nov 11, 1778 in Maryland. Came to Marysville in 1785,
 married Violet -----, made will Apr. 23, 1796
 Living at time of death in Mason County KY. *died young*
- aa. Noah, married Ann Reed Nov 24, 1794 or 1796 made will Dec. 1825 *18*
 ab. * Reson, married Faithful Bragerly, Dec. 1, 1816, To Sangamon Co
 ac. Peter, under 21 years of age in 1796 *Mar. 21, 1788*
 ad. Ann, married Mr. ----- Willimas
 ae. Sussanah,
- aaa. John, probably batchelor, made will Aug 24, 1849 (old cemetery)
 aab. Noah, married Elizabeth Mattingly June 2. 1840
 aac. Anne
 aad. Milton, married Sarah Curtis (?)
 aae. George Washington, married Sally Ann King
 aaf. Lavina married Nathaniel King {Noah, Philatha, William, Rebecca Sators.
 aag. Mary, married Mr. ----- Williams of Bartholomew Co. Ind.
 aah. Louisa, married Wilfred S. Owens.
- aaea. Quincy Reson, married Elizabeth Rains Nov. 13, 1783 *he deceased.*
 aaeb. George Rowland, m. 1st. Nettie Turner, 2nd. Alice Mason, Mar 21. 1889
 aace. Sarah Washington, m. Clay Reed
 aaed. Ellen Jean (Single)
- aaeaa. George married Nancy S. Tolle Nov 3, 1804
 aaeeab. Never - married *Sarah Montgomery*
 aaeeac. Lettie married Sud Bramel
 aaeead. Lena married Mr. Suit
 aaeeae. Edith married W.L. Thomas
 aaeeaf. Lucy *living at Owensboro 1907*
 aaeeag. Susie. " " "

Note. James Shipley, probably a brother of Samuel married
 Elixabeth Howell Sept. 26, 1792

Elias Shipley married Sally Clutter May 9, 1816.

Most of the above information gained from the will books
 and marriage registers of Mason County, KY.

*Mrs J. M. Johnston of Petersburg, Ind. is sister to
 some much in formation on Shipley.
 Mrs Laura King Rt 3 Marysville Ky a descendant.
 * See other side of sheet*

abg Violetta (malinda)
abc malinda
abc Samuel

abd Margaret

abc Henry Gregory m Minnie E. King Mar 12 1859

~~abc malinda~~

abca William died in infancy

abcb Zenetta 7 - m James M. Johnston June 24 1885 (Betina 1832)
abec Clement W m James England Mar 24 1885 - months (Correspondence 1727)
abed Villard died young. Los Angeles 1920

Mrs. W. M. Branson Bloomington, Ind. Box 160 a g. d. y. n. a. h.

April 11, 1937

Dr. Holton C. Curl
Care U.S. Navy
Washington D.C.

Dear sir:

I am seeking some information
on the ancestry of your grandmother Shipley.

Do you know who were the parents of
Lucy Shipley who married William Holton in
Mason County, Kentucky.

Could you give me the names of you mother
and any brothers or sisters she may have had.

Your cousin D.D. Calkins referred me to you
as he is unable to give me the data for which
I enquire and thought possibly you might have
it.

I shall appreciate any assistance you may
give me in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

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U. S. NAVAL MEDICAL SUPPLY DEPOT

SANDS AND PEARL STREETS, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

15 April 1927.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,
Zionville, Ind.

My Dear Mr. Warren:

I am sorry to say that I have no data regarding my Grandmother, Lucy Shipley, who married William Holton, in Mason County, Kentucky. My Mother's name was Mary A. Holton; - she had one brother, William, and three sisters - one who died as a rather young woman, one, Elizabeth, who never married, and Harriett, who married Judge Wm. A. Calkins. The brother was killed during the Civil War - never having married.

My Mother had considerable data regarding her family - but I do not know where it is now. I will forward this letter to certain persons who may have further information. If this information is available, I will ask them to forward it to you.

Respectfully,



H. C. Curl,
Captain (MC) U.S. Navy.

July 30, 1927

Mrs. J. M. Johnston
Petersburg, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Johnston:

I have recently returned from a visit to Mason County, where I have been collecting some data on the Shipley Family.

I was advised that you had more information on the early history of the family than any other member.

You will find enclosed a genealogical table which I have made tracing the family through five generations through Samuel, Noah, George Washington, Quincy person to the family now living at Orangeburg.

I expect you are descended from Person who married Faithful Bragerly and moved to Sangamon County.

Could you give me the family line back of Samuel as I am very anxious to trace it. Also the brothers and sisters of Samuel if you have them.

Any information you may have of the Shipley family would be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Petersburg Ill
Aug 2" 1927.

Louis A. Warren
Zionsville Indiana

Dear Friend you may
have what information
I have on the Shipley
Line I am a decen-
-ent of Samuel Shipley
who married Violet my
Great-Grand Father - his
son's Reason & Noah.

Reason was, my Grand
Father, he married Faithful
Bryarly Born Maryland March
27. 1788 in 1818 Faithful
Bryarly and Reason Shipley
were married they had
five children.

Violetta, Malinda,
Samuel
Margaret -
Henry Bryarly Shipley my Father
Reason & Faithful

My Great Grand Father
was Born in Maryland
he was ten years old when
he left there for Maysville
he was Born Nov 11 1778
he had the one Brother
Noah, one Sister Ann she
died a young Girl.

I have a History
written by my Aunt-
Faithful Shipley Eley who
died in Los Angeles
Cal at 95 years. she died
two years ago.

My Father, Henry Shipley
married Minerva E. King
March 12-1859. 5 children

Born
William died in infancy
Genetta F. Shipley +
Clement W. Shipley
Dillard Shipley Died young
infant - Died

Genetta F. Shipley married
James M. Johnston Minister
Clement Shipley married June
Evangeland March 24th in 1885

June 24
1885

Daniel Shipley one
Brother Noah he had
John never married
Noah

Milton

George Washington
he had several others
I never knew but

Lavinia Shipley a King

Nathaniel King his sons

Noah ^{Shipley} King

Thelatha C King

William King

Gibbina King Laton

Nancy E King

Anna King Hunt

John Shipley Reserved
an old cemetery near
Mayaville Ky. Some ten
years ago my Aunt Faith
had a tall cypress
fence put around it.
I went and seen the
buriedary

I have a ^{second} Cousin
Mrs Belle Branson
Living at - Bloomington
who is a Grandang-
-hter of Noah Shufley
she perhaps could write
you some history her
Address is Mrs W. M.
Branson P. B 160 Bloom-
ington Ill

My Grand Father and Mother
settled here in 1825 - Ind-
-iana were a plenty.

My Aunt could not give
me any account of my
Grand Father's History
only he was Born in Mary
Land came ~~here~~ at ten years
he enlisted as a Private
Placed on V. P Pension Roll
Oct-31 1838 age 71 a Resi-
dence of Bracken Co Ky
U. S Pension Office Washin-
-gton D. C. year Book 1896

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Now my history may
not interest you
very much. You didn't
tell me if you were
any relation to the
Shipleys. I have recei-
-ved of late several
letters from persons
wanting a history of
The Shipley's we have
always lived in this
place. my Bro Clement
moved to Los Angeles
Cal about 6 years ago.

If I can help you
further would be glad
to do so.

Lemmy Reason Shipley son
Nevil Shipley married
Ababel Montgomery

Yours Truly

Mrs J. M. Johnston
Petersburg

P. B 22

all

I will be in
Indianapolis Ind
on Aug 5 & 6th at
the Denison Hotel
If your town is not
to far away. you
could run over and
chat over History

Truly

Mrs Johnston

Bloomington, Ill.
Aug. 21st, 1928.

My. Louis A. Warren,
Zionsville, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Just lately we were in Mason County Ky. looking up the older Shipleys. I wanted to go to the old Shipley Cemetery which is about 6 miles from Cousin Lincey's place - and I asked Cousin Susie if she would get certain data from the Tombstones there as my brother who was with me did not think we had time to go to the cemetery and get back to our point in O. by night, and she said she thought I had some data that you were trying to find. Mrs. Esther Dykes-Reachy, Esbon, Kans. is compiling a history of the Shipleys - and asked me to put mine in her book - and I have been trying ever since to get our connection with the older ones who came from the old country. Grandfather always told us we came from 3 brothers who

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came over about the middle part of the 17th century and probably a little before the middle. I can trace back to Samuel and his wife Violet - but as I did not get to see the tombstone I do not know the date of their births or deaths. They first came to Maryland, then some went over into Ohio - some to Virginia & some into Tenn. Our folks went into Va. where they were interested in "Salt mines" - and being in some way connected with Daniel Boone - and the Hales, Loves, Grant (U. S. Grant's family), Boss, Gresham (The Greshams were descended from Sir John Gresham, Knight and Lord Mayor of London.) The Shipleys and Garrers were also connected in our branch.

Captain Abraham Lincoln, grandfather of the president, married first Mary Shipley, daughter of Robert and Sarah Rachel Shipley of Va., whose sister, Nancy Shipley, became the wife of Joseph Hanks and mother of Nancy Hanks, president Lincoln's mother. He married second, Bathsheba Herring, who became the mother of Thomas Lincoln. Both Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were left orphans and received no care or education but that bestowed by the Aunts of Nancy Hanks -- Lucy Shipley (Mrs. Richard Berry) and Elizabeth Shipley (Mrs. Thomas Sparrow). Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks

were married beneath Mrs. Berry's kindly roof. The Hanks family of England were gentry, with right to bear coat-armor. The Shipleys were an old family of Leicestershire and Hampshire, England. The Hampshire branch bore the following coat-armor; Arms: Lozenge, argent and sable, a bordure of the last. Crest - Out of an eagle's coronet, or the bust of a Moorish prince proper, habited of the first, - wreathed about the temples argent and sable. Motto: Nec placida contenta quies est.

Robert Shipley and his family were among the Virginians, who after the Revolution braved the perils of the Crossing, and founded new homes and eventually a new state - Kentucky.

There were Shipleys at Jonesboro, Tenn. and I think if I could get down there and in Va. just north of there I could, by the aid of old cemeteries, and history of salt mines, and some marriage records, birth records &c in the old Court Houses - learn just where our branch came in. I have the idea that Robert perhaps was either a brother or son of the Samuel who married Violet - .

I have an Uncle Robert Noah, an uncle Samuel, an uncle Thomas (deceased) an uncle Milton (deceased)

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an uncle Isaiah, and one aunt Ann (deceased).

I think uncle Robert must have been named for the elder Robert.

Our folks always said that Benjamin Franklin was a friend to one of the Shipleys in Eng. and you will find B. F. Shipleys in some families. And I note that in the notes taken from "The Journal of American History" - by Mabel Thacher Rose - Mary Washburn, that Bishop Jonathan Shipley in England was a friend of Benjamin Franklin. Some of the Shipleys came over in 1635 and went up near Boston, Mass - then down into Conn. Later 3 brothers came at different times - I think these 3 were named - Joseph - William and Richard - but I do not know which one we should look back to. Our ancestor - went over into Wales - there married a welch woman, then came to America. I still have the pestel (or part of it) of a coffee mortar which they brought with them. I think William was married twice and as I can not get much of his history - I think he may have been the one from whom we descended - as he went south in Maryland - and perhaps into Va. where our folks were interested in salt mines &c -

Now I hope there is something here that may be of interest and that if you have any data - we may be able to exchange information.

I notice you have the names of Peter and Samuel which you found at Maysville, Ky. Samuel and Peter went west from Maysville and they never heard from them again. When my mother lived in Indianapolis, Ind. she met a young woman from Southern Ind. and she said her mother's maiden name was Shipley - and her grandfather's name was Samuel & he came from Ky. We think, from things she could tell, that he was the lost Samuel.

I trust I may hear from you on this subject if you can spare time.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Belle Shipley - Branson.
P.O. Box 160.

Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 25th, 1928.

Rev. Louis A. Warren,
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

It has been about two months since I received your valuable letter concerning the Shipley ancestry.

There was a Miss Alberta Kate Shipley who lived in eastern Tenn. and who was a cousin to Abraham Lincoln and also a relative of Daniel Boone. She went to New York City when they were planning for the Lincoln centenary in 1909. She had a Mountaineer's Gun, six feet long, and a Coon skin cap, a Daniel Boone Cap, which she took along. She called upon the Mayor and told him they were celebrating Lincoln everywhere and that she ^{had} more and better material for a Lincoln talk than any one in New York. The Mayor sent her to the City Recorder and there she succeeded in getting a hearing and finally became a lecturer for the Board of Education of N.Y. City, and was still lecturing in 1914. I do not know just how to get in touch with her, if she is still living, but have been trying to do so. I wrote to a Tenn. paper in Eastern Tenn., but received no reply. The address given on the circular I have is 29 Temple Place, Boston, Mass. but being so long ago I have not written there. This circular was written by Haryot Holt Dey, Pres. Women's Press Club, New York City, N. Y. She ^{Miss Shipley} was in the headquarters building of the National Educational Association and had a table in the Peace Room of the old Art Museum. She was an active worker in the American School Peace League. This was a press notice in the Christian Science Monitor. Of course if she still lives she may be married and living in another state, but if you could write on your letter head, you might get more consideration and be able to get some information. I wrote to the Jonesboro Herald, Jonesboro, Tenn. and asked them to give my letter to some of her relatives there and they may have done so but I never received any reply. Miss Berta was a daughter of Dr. E. S. Shipley, and I suppose he lived at Jonesboro, Tenn. Our Shipleys came from Virginia and somewhere north of the place where she lived; some of the Ship-

I presume this means in Boston

leys went into Tenn. and some went west to Kentucky. Our people came to Ky. and settled at an early date. They were interested in Salt mines when in Va. and I learned in Ky. that some of them bored wells in Ky. and found what they pronounced as good salt water as they had ever seen, but some wanted to go deeper, and they decided to do so, and struck something that spoiled it. I can go back to Samuel and Violet Shipley, and from what I get I think Samuel was born about 1735 or perhaps a little later, but what I want to get at is whose son he was. I think he may have been born in the old country and came here with his parents when he was a child. They first came to Md. and Penn. and there were three brothers; I do not know whether Samuel was a son of William or a son of Richard Shipley, but if I could go to Virginia, I certainly would look into the records of some of the old court houses there; in the Will books, the birth records, Marriage books and on the tomb stones in some old cemeteries. I would look too, near Baltimore. I too, wonder if any of the Steam Ship Companies keep the old records. I think the brother from which our folks came, went from Eng. to Wales, and sailed from Cardiff, early in the 17th century or before the middle some time. I still have a part of a pestle that belonged to a coffee mortar that they brought to this country. Cousin Allilee King near Maysville has an old bible that has some records in, but I could not get that far while in there. Then another cousin has some old bibles and her brother, Mr. William Booton, of Maysville, Ky. told me when I was there that he would get them for me and he would get her to copy the names and dates from off the Tomb Stones in the old Shipley Cemetery that is near her house, but he forgets as soon as I come away. I do want so much to get in there and go all around and get things for myself. The John Shipley you mentioned in the paper you got while at Maysville, was a bachelor, grandfather's brother, and it was he who saved the old cemetery for the Shipleys forever. The deed should be on the records in Maysville. I shall be glad to receive any information you can give me concerning the Shipley history, and I will be glad to give you any thing I get that will interest you. A Mr. Frank C. Shipley, who gets up Directories for the Western Coast Cities, for the Reuben H. Donnelley Corp. of Detroit, Mich., is also working on the Shipley History and of different branches. His present address is #2313 S. Hope St., Los Angeles, Calif. He goes from one city to another. I trust I may hear from you again on this subject, and that we may be able to go to the begining of it.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Belle Shipley-Branson,
P.O. Box 160.

November 2, 1928

Mrs. Belle Shipley Branson
Bloomington, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Branson:

I was very glad to get your letter
with further items about the Shipley family.

I have corresponded with the Miss
Alberta Shipley whom you mentioned in your letter,
and her last address as I have it is - 198 Monroe St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y. Possibly you would like to corres-
pond with her. I am glad to get the name and address
of Mr. Frank Shipley who lives in Los Angeles. While
I may not have any information which he has not already
gathered, I should be pleased to send him some I have
if he cares for it.

If we all work together on this problem
we will finally get a solution of it.

Thanking you for your past favors, I am

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

Director,
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

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Diamond Springs, El Dorado County,
California, January 10, 1935 -

Mr. Louis Q. Warren,
Gionville, Indiana
% Gionville Christian Church.

Dear Mr. Warren,

I have two letters written by you, in
1927, one to a second cousin of mine, Mr. D.D. Perkins
of Tacoma Washington, and one to my uncle, Dr.
Holton Carl U.S.N., who deceased. In these letters
you were seeking information about my great
grand mother - Lucy Shipley - who married William
Holton in Mason County Kentucky.

My writing to you is in a forlorn hope
that you may be able to help me discover

something more about them and their ancestry.

My mother was Sue Curl, daughter of Mary Ann Holton Curl, who was Lucy Shipley Holton's daughter - but my mother died when I was six years old and after her death I saw almost nothing of her people. Consequently, I know very little about my grand parents' origin.

It has come to mean a great deal to me, for several very personal reasons, and if you could give me any information about them or could direct me to any source from which I could obtain any information either about the Shipley or the Holtons, I would be most grateful.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Minnie Wright - Ne

February 3, 1936

Mrs. Miriam Ebright Doe
Diamond Springs
El Dorado County
California

Dear Mrs. Doe:

Your letter to Dr. Louis A. Warren has been received but due to his annual three months speaking itinerary it will be impossible for him to answer for some time. However, upon his return to the city I will be very glad to bring it before him and assure you that he will answer you promptly.

Yours very truly,

MAC: LH
M.A. Cook

Librarian

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Diamond Springs, El Dorado County
California, February 17, 1936

M. G. Cook : Librarian
Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Cook:

Thank you for your acknowledgement
of my letter to Dr. Warren and for your
courtesy in answering me. I shall await further
word from him with very great interest.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Miriam Wright Doe

March 24, 1936

Mrs. Miriam E. Doe
Diamond Springs
El Dorado County, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Doe:

Upon my return to the office I find your letters of January 10 and February 17 before me.

Some years ago I did considerable research work on the Shipley family in Mason County. In fact, I was very well acquainted with the Shipley family there while living in Kentucky and have done considerable research work in the Mason County records with reference to the family.

You will please find enclosed a copy of a brief history of the family which I made some years ago.

I might also refer you to Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Petersburg, Illinois, P. O. Box 22, who is a descendant of the Shipleys, who wrote to me some nine years ago about the family. Mrs. Laura King, R. F. D. 3, Maysville, Kentucky, is also a descendant who lives back there in the county in which the Shipleys lived in Kentucky.

If this gives you some leads that will be helpful, I will be glad to correspond with you further if there is other information I may have available.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:AAM
Enc.

July 30, 1927

Miss Susie Shipley
Mayesville, Ky.

My dear Miss Shipley;

I thought possibly you
might like a copy of the information which
I collected at the court house in Mason
County while on my visit there.

If you should come across anything else
that you think would be of interest I would
appreciate your forwarding it to me. Especially
would I like to learn the location of the old
Shipley bible.

I have written Mrs Johnston tonight and
sent her a list such as the one I am enclosing
for you .

Thank you for your assistance while I
was at your home.

Respectfully,

Paul H. Johnson

Diamond Springs, El Dorado County,
California, April 12, 1936

Dear Dr. Warren,

Thank you most sincerely for your kindness in sending me the Shipley family history - it was a happy surprise to receive so much information and exceeded my hopes.

At the risk of being a nuisance I cannot help asking if - from your acquaintance with other members of the Shipley family, you could tell me what sort of people they were - farmers perhaps? or professional people - or in some sort of business possibly?

My uncle - Dr. Holton Curl - Lucy Shipley's grandson - was a distinguished surgeon in the Navy - second in rank to the Surgeon General, I believe. He was decorated by the French and American governments for distinguished service - and was considered a brilliant doctor. My mother must have had considerable

charm and personality for I still hear of her from people who knew her even slightly - people whom I did not know but have met occasionally. She trained to be a nurse but married immediately afterward. The only other grandchild of Lucy Shipley's that I know of is Mrs Hilton of Tacoma, a second cousin. She is a woman of brilliant mind and unusual social charm.

The reason for my speaking of these people is because being a believer in heredity - I wonder where they all came by their qualities - Was it the Shipley or the Holton family. As you do not mention the Holtons, I surmise they are not known to you as they are unknown to me also. I hope someday to be fortunate enough to learn something of them - You also remember my Grandmother speaking with great pride of her father - William Holton - and of the horses he raised. They must have been thoroughbred draught horses as they were enormous from her account.

These things mean so much to me because as a small child I bitterly resented sharing remarks made by my step mother. She is long since gone and is dead but the hurt remained - and I wanted to be able to say to myself (and my children) "I know" instead of "it must be".

Thank you again for your courtesy and for the trouble you have taken in answering my letters. It is deeply appreciated.

Very truly,

Thirion C. Doe

April 23, 1936

Miss Miriam E. Doe
Diamond Springs
El Dorado County, Calif.

My dear Miss Doe:

Your letter of April 12 with reference to the Shipley family is before me and I regret I cannot give you much information than appears in the list which I enclose.

It is true the Shipley family which I knew in Mason County, Kentucky, were farmers but as I have done very little research work on that particular line of the Shipleys, I could not go further in describing characteristics of these people.

I do know that when in Maryland two years ago I met a Dr. Shipley at Johns Hopkins University who is a famous surgeon there, a descendant of the Maryland Shipleys.

If it is possible to learn anything further of the Mason County, Kentucky, Shipleys I will be very glad to inform you.

Very truly yours,

Director

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